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Soviet Troop Movements by Rail

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1. The following troop shipments were observed at, the Rathenow main railroad station between 1 and 21 August:

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| Date   | Shipment   | From             | To             |
|--------|--|------------------|----------------|
| 1 Aug  | 22 boxcars and 50 flatcars with troops and trucks    | Jerichow         | Templin        |
| 2 Aug  | 17 boxcars and 22 flatcars with troops and trucks    | Mahlwinkel       | Zehdenick      |
| 3 Aug  | 16 boxcars and 29 flatcars with troops and trucks    | Mahlwinkel       | Zehdenick      |
| 5 Aug  | 12 flatcars with 75-mm caliber guns                  | Wuensdorf        | Jerichow       |
| 11 Aug | 3 boxcars and 13 flatcars with troops and T-34 tanks | Dallgow-Doberitz | Altengrabow    |
| 12 Aug | 10 boxcars and 42 flatcars                           | Schoenhausen     | Templin        |
| 13 Aug | 6 boxcars and 18 flatcars with troops and trucks     | Zehdenick        | Altengrabow    |
| 13 Aug | 6 boxcars and 31 flatcars with troops and trucks     | Jerichow         | Neubrandenburg |

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| Date   | Shipment   | From        | To                |
|--------|--|-------------|-------------------|
| 16 Aug | 8 boxcars and 24 flatcars with troops, trucks and 75-mm guns         | Altengrabow | Dallgow-Doeberitz |
| 17 Aug | 14 boxcars and 28 flatcars with troops and trucks                    | Altengrabow | Boetzow           |
| 21 Aug | 5 boxcars and 29 flatcars with troops and trucks, carrying pontoons, | Zehdenick   | Tangerhuette      |

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2. The following troop trains were listed in the records of the Halle railroad district headquarters:

| Date   | Shipment | From       | To         |
|--------|----------|------------|------------|
| 17 Aug | 2        | Bad Koesen | Wallwitz   |
| 18 Aug | 1        | Erfurt     | Wallwitz   |
| 18 Aug | 1        | ?          | Halle      |
| 18 Aug | 2        | Wisenach   | Wallwitz   |
| 18 Aug | 1        | Magdeburg  | Schwepnitz |

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the Wallwitz bound trains carried Soviet tank units. (C)

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3. Two troop trains were loaded in Jittenborg and dispatched toward Juetterbog (9)

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4. The following troop trains were

observed

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23 August. Train of 2 boxcars and 10 flatcars going from Chemnitz to Aue and carrying AAA Unit consisting of soldiers wearing red-border black caps. The same train also carried 3 x 76.2-mm guns, 1 ballistic director, and trucks

24 August. Train of 14 boxcars and 38 flatcars, en route from Koenigsbrueck to Chemnitz, carrying AAA Unit with 18 x 76-mm guns and 35 trucks

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25X1 24 August. Train of 2 boxcars and 11 flatcars [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] going from Aue to Chemnitz and carrying an [redacted] AAA unit. (10)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1) [redacted]

The [redacted] cars of the two trains mentioned in the reference report equals the number of cars specified in the present report.

25X1 (2) The two trains were probably the same which two other [redacted] observed  
 25X1A passing through the Massenheide railroad station and being unloaded in the  
 25X1A Templin training area. [redacted]

(3) Reports by other sources indicate that these trains may have carried a  
 25X1A signal unit of the GDFG. They did not mention artillery pieces. [redacted]

25X1A (4) Another source reported a component of the 113th Pan Bridge Bn of the Second  
 25X1A Gds Meck Army to have detrained in Neubrandenburg on 14 August. [redacted]

(5) It was previously assumed that the train had come from the Jerichow area.  
 Fifteen unloaded flatcars were seen at the Doeberitz railroad station on the  
 same day. They may have belonged to the train from Altengrabow which is  
 mentioned in the present report. [redacted] Vehicles of the 1st  
 25X1A Meck Div, which is stationed in the Doeberitz area, have been observed in  
 25X1A Altengrabow since June 1951.

(6) Two other sources reported that an AAA unit of the 31st AAA Div detrained at  
 25X1A Doetzow on 17 August. [redacted] The information is confirmed by the  
 present report.

25X1 (7) Another source reported that a troop train was loaded with engineer equip-  
 ment at the Zehdenick railroad station during the night of 20 August. [redacted]

[redacted] the train carried a headquarters engineer unit of the Fourth Gds  
 Meck Army. It is significant that an engineer component of this army went  
 again to the Tangerhuetten area during the second half of August. The engi-  
 neer units of the army had been rotated twice to the Tangerhuetten-Jerichow  
 area for engineer practice on the Elbe River from the end of June to the  
 middle of July and from the middle of July to early August.

25X1 (8) The shipping stations of Bad Koesen, Erfurt and Eisenach and the receiving  
 stations of the first six trains indicate that components of the 21st Gds  
 Meck Div were on the trains. Probably engineer troops, rather than tank  
 troops, were on the trains dispatched from Bad Koesen. Mallwitz, which is  
 25X1 located on the Halle-Aschersleben line, has not been used before as a de-  
 training point for troops stationed in the Halle area.

25X1 (9) The train [redacted] was previously reported by another  
 source, who, however, specified Sperenberg as the receiving station. [redacted]

25X1 (10) [redacted] all of the three trains carried  
 25X1 components of the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] The first train of 24 August was previously  
 25X1 reported by the same source [redacted]

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